

## WEEKLY TELEGRAPH.

BY JAMES REED.

### LOCAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

The review of Mr. VAR DIXON's sermon by the Rev. Mr. COOKS, which it was expected would appear in the columns of this No. of the *Telegraph*, has been necessarily deferred to next week. We expect to be able to lay it before our readers in the forthcoming number.

The FESTIVAL, on Friday evening last by the ladies of the Methodist Church, proved not only a success, but an entertainment which all who attended will think of with pleasure. The audience was large, the tables tasteful and abundant, the music, both vocal and instrumental highly creditable, and the speaking by Elder CHAPIN, the Rev. Mr. AXEL, and Professor SEARS, of Willingby Academy, was happily adapted to that occasion, and added much to the general interest. The receipts were handsome, amounting to some \$100. The claims of the church upon the community was very generally acknowledged by the several denominations in their attendance, affording a very gratifying evidence that denominational lines may be at least temporarily obliterated, and Christianity, the bond of common brotherhood, sometimes get the advantage of man's selfishness, and want of charity.

Fire—Fire broke out on Thursday last in the dwelling house of NELSON WATKINS, at the Harbor which was consumed nearly all its contents. The fire took from the stove pipe which connected with an outside chimney on the rear of the house. The loss falls with entire upon Mr. W. who is an industrious, frugal man and good citizen.

JAMES HANSON of Harpersfield, is sicking an oil well in that town, having attained the depth of 210 feet, with good prospects all the way. Another well is also being sink in the same locality by a company, which has reached 180 feet in depth.

DOLLY DURR.—This diminutive specimen of humanity will be glad to make the acquaintance of our citizens on Monday evening next. For so small an affair she is admitted, to be hugely attractive. See adv.

UNION MEETING.—A meeting of the democratic and Union men of our village and vicinity, assembled at Smith's Hall on Tuesday evening, in obedience to the call in our last paper. BUCKLEY HARRIS, was called to the chair, and D. J. SHERMAN, of Saybrook, acted as Secretary. The audience was respectable in numbers, and the comprehensive speech of Mr. Gosswood was listened to with attention. At its close a committee was appointed, to draft a petition to Congress, praying the adoption of measures for a peaceful settlement of our troubles, and in case they find themselves unequal to that task, to call a convention "fresh from the people to agree upon terms of adjustment," and leading to all essential amendments of the Constitution, for further security. Compromise, even to the tinkering of the Constitution, is then the thing sought. We fear that the hinge of our democratic friends are a little squeaky of concession, and admission of wrong on the part of the republican North to meet the approbation of our Republican friends, and however much we might desire peace, and a speedy settlement of difficulties, the terms are not such as are likely to meet with general favor at the North.

The Constitution has been so highly revered by our democratic friends, and we have been so soundly berated for our want of reverence for that instrument, that this sudden change of position leads to the suspicion that they are becoming a little radical in their notions, and a wholesome conservatism requires that we should assume the breaching that has so galled their nams. Reverence for the Constitution, is now become a cardinal Republics virtue, and while we remember how secure under it have been our rights and liberties, we cannot go with our Union friends for anything that squints at its modification, and may lead to its destruction.

A meeting of citizens of Ashtabula and vicinity was called to meet at Smith's Hall, on the evening of the 29th inst., to hear an address from R. W. GRISWOLD, on the Political condition of the Country.

BUCKLEY HARRIS was called to the chair, and D. J. SHERMAN, appointed Secretary.

The meeting was large, and gave respectful and earnest attention to the speaker throughout.

At the close of his address, Mr. Griswold urged upon the meeting the importance of petitioning Congress to adopt measures leading to an election of delegates by the people, to settle pending difficulties, and read a form of petition which he thought could not be in conflict with the principles and desires of patriotic men of any party. It only proposes to call on the people to pass on issues which were not anticipated at any former election.

On his motion a committee of ten was appointed by the chair to prepare, circulate for signatures, and forward to Washington petitions based on the objects of the form read to the meeting. The following persons were appointed:

R. W. Griswold, K. L. Holbrook, A. F. Hubbard, E. C. Root, F. Carlate, J. M. Falkner, J. P. Robinson, H. P. Robinson, H. L. Morrison, D. J. Sherman, and O. H. Fitch.

The Ashtabula Brass Band volunteered their attendance, and contributed much to the interest of the occasion.

On motion copies of the proceedings with a copy of said petition were offered to all our county papers, with request that they be published in their columns.

D. J. SHERMAN, Secretary.

CHURCH BUILDING is the latest step of Painesville enterprize. The Congregational Church and society, Rev. N. P. BAILEY, have determined, in earnest, to put up a new church edifice worth not less than \$10,000, dimensions 60 by 100 feet.

THE EDITORIAL CONVENTION, which met at Ashtabula last week, and which we neglected to notice was made very pleasant by the kindly attentions and generous hospitality of the intelligent and energetic citizens of the place. The poem, by Mr. BROWN, and an extract from the address by Mr. WASIAKOWSKI, may be found upon the outside. Resolutions complimentary of the Public Schools, and Building, the Female Seminary, the members of the Press, and of course, the Coules House, and its gentlemanly proprietor, Mr. BROWN, were passed.

KANSAS SENATORS.—The two U. S. Senators from Kansas cannot be here much, if any, before March. The State Legislature has never yet been convened, as the Constitution forbids it till after the admission, and there are several vacancies to be filled. This will prevent its meeting till late in February.

**WITHDRAWAL.**—Owing to the number of candidates in the field for the office of Post Master at this place, the embarrassment which that fact occasions to the republicans of the township in making a selection among personal friends and esteemed fellow citizens, the scattering of strength, and consequent inability to appointment by success, falling upon some one having the slightest hold upon political and personal favor, the tendency in a general and earnest strife to appeal to unworthy influences, the disfavor with which the election plan is viewed by not a few of our liberal and intelligent friends, and their refusal to identify themselves with it, and its failure on this and other accounts to meet in its operation what the Central Committee expected of it—viz.: to secure a fair expression of the choice of the party, we have determined to withdraw from the field, and so far as the removal of one name from the list will have that effect, to enable our friends to concentrate their strength upon some one of the several acceptable candidates before the public. Of course, we are not unmindful of our friends, or ungrateful for their encouragement and efforts in our behalf, but they will no doubt agree with us, that hardness, which can be secured, paramount to all considerations of a merely personal nature.

JAMES REED.

M. G. DICK's name, it will be seen has been withdrawn from the list of postoffice candidates, while that of E. HOWELL, has been added, leaving the number, who are willing to stand the racket, and ask for the support of their friends, eight. Besides these we believe there are one or two others whose friends expect them to carry the vote without the formality of an nomination.

S. BREKIN, Jr. requests us to say that he is a candidate for the Postmaster, message all to the contrary.

PARKERSBURG, January 21st, 1861.

Through notices in the columns of your hebdomadial, and by the constant buttonholing of men and leading them into corners for private instruction, observed about our village, I mistrust there is game ahead somewhere, and being of a philosophic turn of mind, I readily conclude that it lies ready cooked at the end of the scrub race of the 9th, in the shape of P. G. Seeing that most of the candidates entered for the race are either cripples or have failed in other available efforts to secure honor and worldly pelf, I conclude that the poor, lame, and the unfortunate are to be cared for, and included in all party schemes of benevolence. Now, as I am poor, unfortunate small of stature, though not exactly a cripple, and have tried almost everything else, I propose to try my speed on this occasion, believing I shall be able without the inside track to dodge among between the legs of some poor others while they are waving their fingers or their whistles, run round all the cripples, and come in a full length ahead on the first heat. So just count me in entrance fee paid.

Yours, for the useful const.

M. G. DICK.

ANNOUNCEMENT.—The following gentlemen have authorized us to announce them as candidates for the Post Office in this village, and to speak for them the suffrages of their friends, at the election on the 9th proximo: viz.

E. R. Williams,  
John Booth,  
H. C. Tombs,  
S. Brekin, Jr.,  
Alfred Hendry,  
C. E. Fox,  
Henry Harris,  
Edward Howell.

If there are others who wish their names announced, they will be attended to hereafter.

Conscient votes on the 9th for Inspector and light house keeper, as well as Post Master.

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